

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.  
August 26, 1940

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12:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

[redacted] called from New York City and advised while he was talking to SAC Sackett some time ago, they discussed the German-Italian situation at the Hotel Pierre, 5th Avenue and 61st Street. According to [redacted] Mr. Sackett said he had been unable to get anything on this matter and he, [redacted], took it upon himself to ascertain the following information.

The Hotel Pierre was purchased from the bondholders through [redacted] by one Mr. Geddy, an enormously wealthy oil man of German descent who comes from California. This occurred about a year and a half ago, the hotel being in rather bad shape and the purchase price being about \$2,000,000. [redacted] said he remembered he knew the head housekeeper of the hotel who had been head housekeeper at the Plaza hotel for 25 years. On contacting her he found that she and all the other old employees of the Hotel Pierre had been dismissed. This in itself was not so alarming but it was discovered that the orders for their dismissal had come from Geddy while he was in Germany. A young man from [redacted] named [redacted] a former [redacted] and with no hotel experience, is now managing the hotel and a man named [redacted] (phonetic) is [redacted]

Nothing whatsoever is known about the background of this individual and it is said that Geddy picked him off the streets. [redacted] said that at the present time the hotel is packed with employees of the Italian Consulate and although he is not interested in them, he feels that we should have information about Geddy and perhaps institute an inquiry as to his activities. I assured him that this information would be brought to the attention of the appropriate individuals.

*Geddy*

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Respectfully,  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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CC: Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Foxworth

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August 27, 1940

Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

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DATE 5-5-80 BY SP/ghj/j

RE: [REDACTED] / 70  
Dear Sir.

Information has been obtained from a source previously reliable, concerning the purchase of the Hotel Pierre, 5th Avenue and 6th Street, New York City, by one Cedey. It has been related that Cedey is a fabulously wealthy oil man of German descent, who has made his residence in California.

The circumstances concerning the purchase of the instant hotel are of significance, inasmuch as it appears that persons of Italian affiliations may center their activities at this point. It appears that the Hotel Pierre was purchased from the bondholders through [REDACTED] approximately a year and a half ago, that the hotel, being in poor financial condition, was sacrificed at a price fixed at approximately two million dollars. It was learned that the purchase was made on the authority of Cedey while he was in Germany, while there he telegraphically instructed his representative in the United States to immediately "clean out the hotel." This instruction resulted in a general dismissal of all of the employees who had been with the hotel for a number of years, among whom was the head housekeeper. The present manager of the [REDACTED] is one Tolard, allegedly a former [REDACTED] with no previous hotel experience. To be associated by German phonetically as [REDACTED] occupies the position of [REDACTED]

In view of the allegation that the employees of those who may frequent the hotel from time to time may have some Italian consular connections and that Cedey may, because of his oil interests and German descent, be engaged in activity inimical to our Government, it is desired that you institute a complete and thorough investigation which should be conducted in a discreet manner concerning this individual.

- Mr Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Very truly yours,  
  
 John Edgar Hoover  
 Director

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Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Berle:

It was confidentially reported to the Bureau through a reliable source of information that the Hotel Pierre, Fifth Avenue and 61st Street, New York, New York, was purchased from the bondholders through [redacted] man by one Mr. Gaddy, an unusually wealthy oil man of Council Bluffs who comes from California.

This purchase occurred about a year and a half ago, at which time the Hotel was in rather bad financial straits. The purchase price was about \$2,000,000.

The confidential informant advised that he knew the housekeeper of that particular Hotel, who had been housekeeper at the Plaza Hotel for twenty-five years. He further advised that by contacting her, he found that she and all the other old employees of the Hotel Pierre had been dismissed, and that the orders for their dismissal had come from Gaddy while he was in Germany.

The confidential informant further stated that a young man from [redacted] by the name of [redacted] a former [redacted] and with no hotel experience, is now managing the Hotel, together with a man named [redacted] (phonetic) as [redacted] that nothing whatever is known about

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- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D C

Will check the records of the Passport Division, State Department and obtain whatever information is available concerning GETTY and the dates of his various trips to Europe.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will check the arrest record of GETTY at the Police Department and Sheriff's Office and continue efforts to locate his residence at the present time, in order that the investigation requested by the Bureau may be completed.

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Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.

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the background of [redacted] and it is said that Gaddy "picked  
him off the streets".

The confidential informant also advised that at  
the present time the Hotel is packed with employees of the  
Italian Consulate.

The above information is being transmitted to you  
for whatever action you deem advisable.

Sincerely yours,

BY SPECIAL AGENT

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

L.A. FILE NO. **65-2170**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-12-40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/16, 18, 21/40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>V. I. PARRY</b>	<b>hd</b>
TITLE <b>JEAN PAUL GETTY, with alias J. Paul Getty</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - I.</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

JEAN PAUL GETTY, alleged purchaser of Hotel Pierre in New York City, is a wealthy hotel man formerly of Los Angeles, California, where his principal office is still maintained. Information secured indicates GETTY upon return from Italy in 1939 made his residence in New York City.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the Bureau dated August 27, 1940.

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**DATE 4-4-81 BY SP18/jfv**

**DETAILS:**

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Reference letter from the Bureau indicated that information had been obtained from a source previously reliable concerning the purchase of the Hotel Pierre, Fifth Avenue and 61st Street, New York City, by one GEDDEY. It was related that GEDDEY is a fabulously wealthy oil man of German descent who has made his residence in California. The Bureau believes that the circumstances

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City

- \* As requested by the Bureau, will conduct investigation concerning the purchase of the Hotel Pierre, Fifth Avenue and 61 Street, New York City, and endeavor to determine whether the allegations that the employees and those who frequent the hotel have some Italian Consular connections.
- \* Will endeavor to locate the address of GETTY in New York City and conduct the investigation requested by the Bureau.

THE HARTFORD FIELD DIVISION

At Greenwich, Connecticut

- \* Will obtain what information is available concerning GETTY in that city, it being noted that he is supposed to maintain his legal residence there.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At Washington, D. C.

- \* Will check the records of the Passport Division, State Department, and obtain whatever information is available concerning GETTY and the dates of his various trips to Europe.

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION

At New Orleans

Is requested to advise whether that office has any record of FREDERICH LANGE.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California

- \* Will check the arrest record of GETTY at the Police Department and Sheriff's Office and continue efforts to locate his residence at the present time in order that the investigation requested by the Bureau may be completed.

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concerning the purchase of the Hotel Pierre are of significance in view of the fact that it appears that persons of Italian affiliations may center their activities at this point. It appears that the Hotel Pierre was purchased from the bondholders through [redacted] a [redacted] approximately a year and a half ago, that the hotel, being in poor financial condition, was sacrificed at a price fixed at approximately two million dollars. It was learned that the purchase was made on the authority of GEDDEY while he was in Germany, and while there he telegraphically instructed his representatives in the United States to immediately "clean out the hotel." This instruction resulted in a general dismissal of all of the employees who had been with the hotel for a number of years, among whom was the head housekeeper. The [redacted] of the Hotel Pierre is one [redacted] allegedly a former [redacted] with no previous hotel experience. He is now assisted by a man known phonetically as [redacted] who occupies the position of [redacted].

The Bureau has indicated that it is desired that a complete and thorough investigation, conducted in a discreet manner, should be made concerning GEDDEY, in view of the allegation that the employees and those who may frequent the hotel from time to time may have some Italian Consular connections and that GEDDEY may, because of his oil interests and German descent, be engaged in activity inimical to our Government.

A review of the available directories in the LOS Angeles Office failed to indicate that anyone by the name of CEDDEY resided in Los Angeles, California, or was engaged in the oil business in this city. However, examination of the World Petroleum Register of 1929 listed a J PAUL GETTY, 701 Atlas Life Building, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and 417 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California. This register also indicated the GEORGE F GETTY, INC oil company, Jersey City, New Jersey, with branches at Los Angeles, California, and Tulsa, Oklahoma, the officers of this firm being given as [redacted]  
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[redacted] the [redacted] of this firm were listed as [redacted]. The register indicated that this firm has productive acreage in California, New Mexico and Texas.

The files of the Retail Credit Company, 315 West Ninth Street, Los Angeles, revealed a report dated January 29, 1936



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on JEAN PAUL GETTY which indicated that he is the son and heir of the late GEORGE F GETTY who left more than twenty-five million dollars and was the owner of the GETTY oil company and the Pacific Western Oil Company. This report stated that the late father of GETTY had accumulated a large estate and upon his death left it to his widow and to his son, JEAN. JEAN GETTY acquired a majority of his father's interests which are represented in the above mentioned companies, as well as his extensive real estate and security holdings. According to the file, GETTY has kept these holdings in excellent shape financially and has ample financial reserves for his requirements.

In the last two years, due to domestic difficulties, he has traveled in the United States and Europe, and the actual operation of the business has been left in the hands of competent business men who stay in Los Angeles at all times. The report continued that GETTY has been married four times, his first wife charging him with immorality in the divorce complaint and naming twenty-six co-respondents. He subsequently married a German girl, but after having been married a short time he turned his attention to other women and his wife learned of his conduct and returned to Germany. She did not wish a divorce due to religious scruples, and GETTY subsequently secured a divorce in Mexico. He also divorced a third wife in Mexico and remarried. In 1936 at the time of the report the file indicated that a divorce action was pending concerning his wife at that time who had charged him with unfaithful conduct and association with other women.

In 1936 GETTY'S address was listed as 647 South Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, which is the old GETTY homestead. On November 27, 1936 GETTY was living at 270 Ocean Front, Santa Monica, California, which building was owned by one of GETTY'S corporations. The file indicated that he also had a home in New York City, his legal residence being Greenwich, Connecticut, where he maintains an apartment.

The file indicated that he was thirty-four years of age in 1936 and of Anglo-Saxon descent, having a net worth of over twenty million dollars and an annual income of over five hundred thousand dollars.

With respect to the firm, GEORGE F. GETTY, INC., its net worth was shown to be two million five hundred thousand

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dollars with gross sales of five million dollars per year. The firm pays cash and enjoys a good standing, and in 1938 was said to have taken over the SKELLY Oil Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

GETTY himself was said to be temperate in drinking habits, dressed in good taste, and made no pretentious display of jewelry. He is supposed to have suffered from stomach trouble and to have taken treatment in Europe.

The files of the Retail Merchants Credit Association, Subway Terminal Building, Los Angeles, show a report which is not as complete as the above and indicated he secured a divorce in 1935 from [redacted] who was the [redacted] [redacted] and that he was divorced from [redacted] in 1927, and later divorced from [redacted]. An additional address was given for him in this report as 632 Alta Drive, Beverly Hills, and also 425 Marguerita Avenue, Santa Monica.

The morgue file of the Los Angeles Times contains a great many clippings concerning GETTY, most of which deal with his marital troubles. These will not be reported herein in full but will be summarized in view of the fact that some of them give the names of former wives of GETTY. From these articles it appears that GETTY married [redacted] in New York City on September 1, 1931 and again in Cuernavaca, Mexico on December 2, 1932, as they were not satisfied with the legality of the New York marriage. With regard to this marriage the file indicated that they were divorced on March 9, 1936 at Las Vegas, Nevada and immediately thereafter the former [redacted] married [redacted] who had been divorced in Toledo, Ohio the previous day. Regarding this divorce it might be mentioned that the file indicates the former [redacted] was sued by [redacted] for a large sum of money in view of the fact that in the process of the divorce suit he stated he had to do research in three different countries, and that it was necessary for him to obtain corroboration of acts of cruelty against [redacted] in Paris and also to check the records filed with the American Consul in Genoa, Italy.

A newspaper article dated September 23, 1927 showed that GETTY and [redacted] were married on October 2, 1923 at Ventura, California, and separated on February 15, 1927, [redacted] obtaining a final divorce on September 22, 1927. This article also indicated that on November of 1924 GETTY was arrested for a violation of the Wright Act and fined \$100.

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An article dated December 6, 1917 showed that a [redacted] sued GETTY for a large amount, claiming that he was the father of her child. This suit was later dropped.

Another article was found which indicated that GETTY'S children are [redacted]

An article dated April 23, 1927 indicated that the largest oil well in California since the days of Signal Hill and Santa Fe Springs had just been bought in by GETTY, independent oil man, at East Long Beach, California

An article dated August 17, 1936 indicated that [redacted] announced the engagement of [redacted] to JEAN PAUL GETTY, and that [redacted] had appeared in two musical reviews under the name of [redacted]

The articles indicated that GETTY graduated from the University of California and Oxford University

An article dated September 11, 1935 showed that GETTY had offered for sale his yacht, "The Warrior," built in 1934 at a cost of one million four hundred thousand dollars. Another article indicated that the name of another wife was [redacted]

On June 7, 1940 an article appeared which indicated that a trust fund of more than four million dollars created by GETTY during his lifetime for the benefit of his four children after his death was declared irrevocable, this action having been brought by GETTY'S mother, Mrs. SARAH C. GETTY.

An article dated August 8, 1938 showed that [redacted] a prominent [redacted] and Democratic party figure, and J PAUL GETTY were disclosed as the chief financial supporters of Senator WILLIAM GIBBS McADOO in his race for re-nomination, indicating that GETTY had contributed five thousand dollars and [redacted] twenty-five hundred dollars.

An article dated November 23, 1939 under a New York date line indicated that GETTY had returned to New York from Italy on that date on the SS CONTI DI SAVOIA, after negotiating with Soviet Russian buyers in Berlin, Germany for the sale of one million barrels of California oil to be used in Siberia, GETTY stating that it would cost less to transport oil from California to Vladivostak than from the Russian owned Baku oil fields

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Another article dated November 17, 1939 under a New York date line made the announcement of the marriage of [redacted] one of the first society girls to sing in a night club, to JEAN PAUL GETTY, age 42, of Los Angeles and New York. The wedding took place on September 14, 1939 in Rome at the American Consulate, and the article indicated that they would return to New York in a few weeks where they would make their residence.

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From the above it would appear that GETTY, due to his immense wealth, does not remain very long in one residence and it is apparent in view of the newspaper articles that he is probably making his residence in New York at this time. Agent [redacted] on two occasions under the pretext [redacted]

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[redacted] has called the offices of the GEORGE F. GETTY Oil Company in Los Angeles in an endeavor to secure the present whereabouts of GETTY. However, the reply has been each time that the letter should be forwarded to the Los Angeles Office of the firm and that it would be forwarded to GETTY who is not at Los Angeles at the present time.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

As requested by the Bureau, will conduct investigation concerning the purchase of the Hotel Pierre, Fifth Avenue and 61st Street, New York City, and endeavor to determine whether the allegations that the employees and those who frequent the hotel have some Italian Consular connections.

Will endeavor to locate the address of GETTY in New York City and conduct the investigation requested by the Bureau

THE HARTFORD FIELD DIVISION

AT GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT

Will obtain what information is available concerning GETTY in that city, it being noted that he is supposed to maintain his legal residence there.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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TITLE JEAN PAUL GETTY, alias J. Paul Getty			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - I	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

FREDERICH LANGE, former German aviator and friend of [redacted] is alleged to be living at the Hotel Pierre, New York City, on funds advanced by GETTY.

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REG REC'D *3-16-59*  
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BY *[signature]*

REFERENCE

*Re:*

Report of Special Agent V. I. PARRY, Los Angeles, November 12, 1940.  
[redacted]

DETAILS

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Office has furnished the Los Angeles Field Division with a report from an anonymous informant to the effect that FREDERICH LANGE, Hotel Pierre, New York City, is said to be a former officer of the Hamburg-American line and to have a wife and children living in Compton, California. LANGE is said to have been an aviator in Germany with the Air Force and to be a very good friend of [redacted]. The report states that he is living at the Hotel Pierre, which is owned by PAUL GETTY, a millionaire oil man of Southern California, and that GETTY is advancing funds for this Subject. The report further indicates that GETTY is a very strong Nazi sympathizer.

This report further indicates that FREDERICH LANGE is known to have been in some kind of trouble in New Orleans with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

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December 21, 1940

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: J. PAUL GETTY; ESPIONAGE - G.

I am transmitting herewith a clipping of a copyrighted article which appeared in the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS on December 20, 1940. This article is entitled "Agents of Five Nations at Grips in Hotel Here" and carries the byline of GUY RICHARDS.

This article sets forth the statement that twenty American businessmen have pooled one hundred million dollars for investment in Mexico if [redacted] will give a free hand.

It further alleges that J. PAUL GETTY, present owner of the Hotel Pierre and personal friend of ADOLPH HITLER, has supplied oil to Russia and is presently on a yacht cruise with WILLIAM GIBBS McADOO.

There are further allegations to the effect that the FBI is sure that "definite understanding was reached on the GETTY-[redacted] axis which bears on the charge of [redacted] opponents that his heart belongs to the Nazis."

This article alleges that [redacted] an [redacted] formerly [redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, has been replaced by [redacted] former German Infantryman and is assisted by FREDERICK LANGE, efficiency expert and formerly captain of a German submarine.

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Very truly yours,

B. E. Sackett  
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Special Agent in Charge

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DAILY NEWS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1940

# Agents of Five Nations At Grips in Hotel Here

By GUY RICHARDS

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From the once bankrupt splendor of the Hotel Pierre, Fifth Ave. at 61st St., where the glittering peacocks of the international set have fled from war and history for a last display of plumage, FBI agents have pieced together a story of espionage, adventure and high finance almost too fantastic for telling outside the covers of an Oppenheim thriller.

It's the story of the agents of five nations pitted in a polite battle of wits under the crystal chandeliers of a Fifth Ave. hotel that four years ago was a \$9,000,000 flop, but now is bursting with profits and distinguished guests.

Behind the New York intrigue is the vital military fact of the Axis desperate need for high test gasoline—the liquid gold of the Second World War. To meet this crisis, German and Italian agents have passed the word in Mexico that a cash harvest awaits any syndicate that can deliver oil to the Reich, crude or refined, across the blockade-free Pacific and Russia's trans-Siberian railroad.

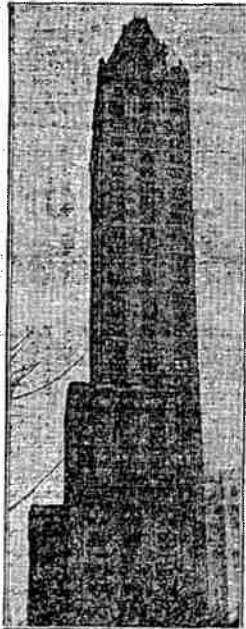
### Almazan, Under Incognito

The story's cast of characters includes Mexico's Gen. Juan Andreu Almazan, whose strange conversion from enmity to co-operation with

## Play in Amazing Drama



(By Associated Press) Capt. Frederick Swann and his wife, the former Louise Prentiss Groothoff, who figure prominently in Hotel Pierre story of international intrigue.



The Hotel Pierre, haven for international set.

his successful rival, President Manuel Avila Camacho, took place a few weeks ago while he was registered at the Pierre under the name of John Andreu. And it includes William Gibbs McAdoo, ex-United States Senator from California, mentioned prominently last week as one of 29 American businessmen who have pooled \$100,000,000 for investment in Mexico—if Avila Camacho will give a free hand.

But the chief occupant of the spotlight is the Hotel Pierre's multi-millionaire owner, J. Paul Getty, 47-year-old friend of Adolf Hitler, and self-asserted supplier of oil to Russia, who is now on a Mexican cruise with McAdoo on the latter's yacht.

The story of Getty, Almazan and the Pierre starts in April, 1939. It was then that Getty, California oil man with a Midas touch, put up a

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# Agents of 5 Nations at Grips in Hotel Here

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he was off to Europe. For months he remained at the Hotel Adlon in Berlin. He directed his new property by cable. He appointed as manager the genial and dynamic Baron Gustave von Loewenfeld an Austrian who proceeded to breathe into it the Continental atmosphere of Vienna's Hotel Imperial and Paris Hotel Ritz.

When the war began Getty was still in Europe. And when the refugees of the international set flocked to America von Loewenfeld nabbed them for the Pierre.

Shortly before the war a full flood of guests set in. G Men have learned Capt. Frederick Swann former Berlin associate of Prince Philip of Hesse arrived at the Pierre on a British passport. He was soon to play a part in Gen. Almazan's maneuvers at the Pierre. Swann was accompanied by his beautiful wife the twice married former Louise Prentiss Groothoff of Greenwich Conn.

### Living in Style

Swann the G Men ascertained told the Pierre management that he was a member of the British Purchasing Commission. But to the probers commission officials disavowed any connection with the captain.

To other guests at the Pierre investigators learned Swann had quietly represented himself variously as a British agent, a wool buyer and a government aviation official. These claims were not substantiated by Britain's official representatives. But meanwhile the Swanns lived in style.

Then on Nov. 24, 1939, Getty returned from Europe with the announcement that he had completed a sale to Russia of 1,000,000 barrels of oil to be delivered by his Pacific Western Oil Co. With him

on the Conte di Savoia was his friend pretty blonde Hilda Kruger German movie actress.

Getty stayed in New York barely long enough to exhibit a painting of himself wearing a necktie.



J. Paul Getty  
Spotlight on him

presented by Adolf Hitler. Gerald Brockhurst, British portraitist, was the artist.

Then Getty was off to Los Angeles—soon to be followed by the beautiful Hilda—to launch a multi-million dollar series of oil company mergers which have spread his interests over the management of five large oil and realty corporations.

Reports of his dabbling in Mexico's expropriated oil properties emanated from Getty's close association with S. Manuel Reachi, ex husband of Agnes Ayres, movie actress and once Mexican Consul

at Los Angeles. Reachi further more for months has played the role of legal adviser to Gen. Almazan.

Capt. Swann and his wife re-entered the picture last April made a trip to Mexico City and were entertained lavishly by Reachi. It was after this visit that reports first circulated that Gen. Almazan's followers would revolt if he were not elected President of Mexico.

Almazan lost the July 7 election to the Cardenas blessed candidate Avila Camacho but right up to his recent visit to the United States he claimed he would assume office with the aid of the army. His partisans—with fingers on their triggers—awaited the signal.

### Almazan and the Swanns

But suddenly sweetness and light descended on Gen. Almazan. Last month he came to the Hotel Pierre from Baltimore and registered as John Andreu. With him was Reachi. And their constant companions were Capt. and Mrs. Swann. In fact the few public appearances made by the foursome outside of conference rooms were with the beautiful Louise's arm on that of the squat bulky Mexican general.

Swann and Reachi trailed behind. In this get-together G Men are sure definite understanding was reached on the Getty-Reachi-Almazan-Swann axis which bears on the charge of Almazan's opponents that his heart belongs to the Nazis.

Since then Almazan and Reachi have returned to Mexico City via Los Angeles the headquarters of the Getty empire. Since then the \$100,000,000 American syndicate which includes George Houston former Baldwin Locomotive head and George Creel World War publicist has been nursing both political camps. Eventually they per-

sued Almazan to smile on his sworn enemy Camacho. And in rising clamor Almazan's followers are shouting that their leader has deserted them.

And now McAdoo has embarked on his yacht for a Mexican cruise taking Getty and Hilda along. And



Gen. Juana and Alma Almazan  
Soddily turn friendly with oil

from Los Angeles. Investigators have learned Reachi has made arrangements for Almazan to live there in his accustomed style.

G Men here were rather excited yesterday by the Mexican puzzle. By their computations Italy is already badly in need of oil and Germany must stock up quickly if she is to continue the war at the consumption levels averaged thus far. Sometime this month, say the experts, the Nazi war machine will have exhausted the oil stocks cap-

tured from invaded countries.

The Axis has its own refineries, but these have been favorite targets for the RAF. Although Mexican crude oil would be acceptable high test gasoline refined in the United States from Mexican and American crude oil and reshipped through Mexico would be far more welcome. And this procedure would dodge all U. S. embargoes.

David Hecht counsel and spokesman for Getty here stated that his client had no intention of selling oil to Germany. He added:

Getty is in the oil business and can sell wherever allowed by American laws. He described Getty's present cruise with McAdoo as merely a fishing trip.

### Good Business Man\*

Other associates of Getty pointed out that the oil man had contributed to British War Relief and was neither pro-Nazi nor pro-British but a good business man.\*

And meanwhile the Pierre, New York locale of the international maneuvers flourishes as a gilt-edged Yankee version of the fabled Grand Hotel. The dashing von Loewenfeld resigned his managerial post a few weeks ago; it was reported after a disagreement over the policies of Harold L. Rowland, president. Guenther Klucks, former German infantryman, is now acting manager. He is aided by Frederick Lange, efficiency expert once a German submarine captain.

The Grand Hotel boom was still in full swing there yesterday with only 30 out of 620 rooms reported vacant. Swelled by war and intrigue the guest list in the last few weeks has not only included the agents of Germany, Italy, Mexico, British Intelligence and the FBI, but Hohenzollern princesses, German barons, titled Britons and seven members of the famous House of Rothschild.

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Re J PAUL GETTY,  
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DATE 4-4-80 SPI/gh/fw

Dear Sir

As you will undoubtedly recall, a recent article appeared in the New York Daily News in the column of [redacted] on December 20, 1940, setting forth information as to an alleged foreign intrigue that was taking place at the HOTEL PIERRE, in New York City, which was virtually branded as being a nest for Nazis in the New York area.

On this date, [redacted] of the HOTEL PIERRE, came into the New York Field Division office and in my absence was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] of this division [redacted] advised that as a result of the newspaper publicity, business at the Hotel Pierre had materially decreased and numerous of the residents had indicated their intention of changing their place of residence by reason of the charges set forth in this newspaper article. While he expressed his opinion that neither Mr Getty who was the owner of the hotel, nor himself, as [redacted] were desirous of bringing any civil action against the Daily News for the charges contained in the article referred to, he was desirous, if possible, of securing some sort of letter or written statement from the Bureau indicating that the information and charges appearing in the newspaper article were not, as mentioned therein, furnished to the newspaper by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He advised that he was not at all desirous of obtaining any information or any expression from the Bureau as to what, if any, investigative action was taking place concerning these matters, but that in view of the fact that he was convinced the Bureau was not the source of this

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information to the newspaper, He felt that perhaps some sort of a letter would be given to him so that he might have some available to exhibit to any guest of the hotel who was desirous of terminating his residence there by reason of the charges appearing in the newspaper. He further advised that this expression or statement from the Bureau, was positively not intended, in any manner, to be used in connection with any civil suit or proceeding in the event it was subsequently decided to take some action against the New York Daily News.

Agent [ ] advised [ ] that in view of the confidential nature of the information appearing in the files of the Bureau, no statement or comment could, of course, be made as to whether the Bureau was conducting any investigation concerning any of the individuals mentioned in the newspaper article of [ ]. He was further advised that this division would likewise not be in a position to furnish any expression or written statement to the effect that this Bureau was not the source of the information appearing in the newspaper article. It was definitely indicated to him that any such letter or written expression would necessarily have to emanate directly from the Bureau in Washington, D C, but it was pointed out to [ ] that as a matter of usual procedure, it was against the policy of the Bureau to issue any such statement as he desired.

Inasmuch as [ ] desired to be advised whether there was any objections to his making a direct contact of the Bureau in Washington, D C through certain channels which he had in that city, he was advised that if he were desirous of taking such action he should feel perfectly free to do so. In view of this possibility, the above information is being furnished to the Bureau so that same might be available in the event a direct inquiry is received from [ ] in the premises.

At the time of the above interview [ ] mentioned that in addition to his being [ ] of the Getty Realty Company which operates the Hotel Pierre in New York City, he was likewise the [ ] of the GEORGE F. GETTY, INC of California, [ ] of the MISSION CORP., [ ] of the PACIFIC WESTERN OIL CO., [ ] of the KELLY OIL CO, Tulsa, Okla and [ ] of the SANTA FE INVESTMENT CO. He informed that the GETTY REALTY CO purchased an interest in the Hotel Pierre in September 1938 but did not acquire the ownership and complete operation thereof until May 4, 1939.

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Re: J. PAUL GETTY.

He informed that subject GETTY, in this investigation, traced his ancestry back to the Revolution in the United States, was a loyal American and that the charges made against him in this newspaper article were absolutely absurd. He informed, as a matter of fact, that Mr Getty has never had any direct contact or acquaintance with [redacted] but he admitted that he was an acquaintance of [redacted] both of whom were for a period of time residents at the Hotel Pierre. He also admitted that at the present time, MR GETTY was in Mexico City for the inauguration of the new president there.

It might be noted that as a result of the interview had with [redacted] it is Agent [redacted] opinion that he appeared to be very sincere in the statements made by him, and he indicated his wholehearted desire to cooperate with this Bureau in connection with any investigations that might, in the future be conducted relative to residents at the Hotel Pierre in New York City. He requested, however, that in the future he be directly contacted with regard to any confidential matters involving guests at the hotel, so that the information might not, in any manner, be brought to the attention of [redacted] [redacted] for whose reliability he could not vouch.

Very truly yours,



B. E. SACKETT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Los Angeles.

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Subject, born at Minneapolis in December, 1892, has had passports since 1920, last passport issued 1936 Passports applied for for travel in various European countries and in the West Indies Files reflect no information as to various trips undertaken

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Report of Special Agent V I Parry, Los Angeles, California, December 18, 1940

DETAILS

AT WASHINGTON, D. C

Confidential Informant S-2 informed Agent that according to the passport file on JEAN PAUL GETTY, the latter was born at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on December 15, 1892 His father, GEORGE FRANKLIN GETTY, is said to have been born in Maryland GETTY was issued passports in 1920, 1926, 1928, 1932, and 1936 His last passport, No 284,603, was issued on May 15, 1936, upon application executed at the Department the same day At that time he gave his address as 809 Otter Rock Drive, Greenwich, Connecticut He stated in the application that he desired to visit Germany, France, and England for pleasure The files contained no information as to the countries which he visited while bearing that passport, which was,

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of course, valid for travel in all countries. In previous applications MR. GETTY indicated that he planned to live in various European countries and in the West Indies.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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I am transmitting herewith a photostatic copy of a newspaper article which appeared in the New York Daily News on December 20, 1940, entitled "Agents of Five Nations at Grips in Hotel Here".

It is noted that the author of this article is Guy Richards, who states that the Hotel Pierre in New York City is a meeting place for agents of five nations, where efforts have been made to provide shipments of high test gasoline to Germany and Italy.

It is inferred by Guy Richards that he received the information concerning the activities of the various individuals mentioned from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which it is inferred, has been conducting an investigation of certain individuals mentioned in the article, as well as the management of the Hotel Pierre.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has not at any time given any information to Mr. Guy Richards or any other representative of the New York Daily News, concerning any investigation which may have been conducted concerning the activities of the individuals mentioned in the newspaper article. This Bureau has not conducted any investigation concerning the Hotel Pierre and, of course, has not made any statements concerning the management of that hotel.

An investigation has been conducted, however, by this Bureau of certain individuals named in the newspaper article of Mr. Guy Richards, and the reason for these investigations, together with a brief statement of the information thus far obtained, will be set forth herein.

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Mr Jean Paul Getty is presently being investigated by this Bureau as a result of information received from a confidential informant who advised that after the purchase of the Hotel Pierre about two years ago by Mr Getty, a number of the old employees of the hotel were dismissed while Mr Getty was in Germany. It was alleged by the informant that during the summer of 1940, the Hotel Pierre catered to the employees of the Italian Consulate

Information has been received, although not verified by this Bureau, that Jean Paul Getty is forty-three years of age and is the son and heir of the late George F Getty, who left more than twenty-five million dollars and who was the owner of the George F Getty, Incorporated oil company and the Pacific Western Oil Company

Jean Paul Getty acquired a majority of his father's interests, which are represented in the above-mentioned companies as well as his extensive real estate and security holdings

In 1929, [redacted] was listed as [redacted] and one of the [redacted] of the George F Getty, Incorporated oil company of Jersey City, New Jersey, which has branches in Los Angeles, California and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Additional information which has been received indicates that for two years prior to 1936, Getty, due to domestic difficulties, traveled in the United States and Europe. In 1938, it is reported that [redacted] a prominent [redacted] and Democratic Party figure, and J Paul Getty were disclosed as the chief financial supporters of Senator William Gibbs McAdoo in his race for renomination, and that Getty had contributed \$5,000.00 to this cause

In November, 1939, it was reported that Getty had returned to New York from Italy after negotiating with Soviet Russian buyers in Berlin, Germany, for the sale

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of one million barrels of California oil to be used in Siberia, Getty stating that it would cost less to transport oil from California to Vladivostok than from the Russian owned Baku oil fields

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In connection with this Bureau's observation of the 1940 Mexican presidential election, it was learned that [redacted]

[redacted] the defeated candidate, had left Mexico to visit this country (X)(u)

A surveillance of [redacted] was maintained and investigation reflected that followers of [redacted] were gathering in San Antonio, Texas for the purpose of plotting a revolution to overthrow [redacted] and to place [redacted] in the Office of President of Mexico (X)(u)

The surveillance of [redacted] led to the Hotel Pierre, New York City, where he stayed on several occasions during the summer and fall of 1940. On August 28, 1940, [redacted] requested that the management of the Hotel Pierre permit him to smuggle a guest into his room without having the guest register. The management agreed to do this. (X)(u)

It was thought that this guest of [redacted] was [redacted], and for the purpose of effecting an identification, a picture of [redacted] was exhibited to a [redacted] of the hotel. After viewing this photograph, [redacted] proceeded to the room where this unknown person was, taking mail which was to be delivered to the occupant of the room. On the delivery of this mail personally to this unknown individual, he was positively identified by [redacted] as being [redacted]. (X)(u)

In connection with the investigation at the Hotel Pierre, the management, [redacted], was very cooperative, providing Agents of this Bureau with a list of telephone calls emanating from the room occupied by [redacted] and also with the contents of the waste paper basket of that room. (X)(u)

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After [redacted] departure from the hotel, Clausen permitted agents to make a search of the room vacated by [redacted]. No investigation was conducted of the Hotel Pierre. (S)(u)

In maintaining this surveillance of [redacted], it was learned that the occupied a room adjoining that of [redacted] at the Hotel Carlton in Washington, D C, and that he spent an entire day with [redacted] while in Washington. (S)(u)

It will be noted that [redacted] was connected with the War Department during the World War in the formation of plans by that Department for the enforcement of the Selective Service Act.

In June, 1939, he was [redacted] of the Golden Gate Exposition Commission in San Francisco, California, and is connected as a [redacted] with Colliers weekly

No active investigation has been conducted as to [redacted] investigation in connection with [redacted] is still pending. (S)(u)

[redacted] is the subject of an investigation now being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation [redacted] at the Hotel Pierre while in New York City, but is not known to have any connection with the management thereof

The investigation of [redacted] was initiated inasmuch as his activities are considered suspicious, he having reported himself as being a member of the British intelligence and is known to have contacted and shown a great interest in several aircraft and aircraft engine manufacturing plants in the United States [redacted] is also considered dangerous by the Canadian authorities. (S)(u)

[redacted] is reported by the British authorities to have been contacting German agents and diplomatic representatives in Mexico and Havana and is known to have contacted [redacted] mentioned above. The investigation of [redacted] is pending at the present time. (S)(u)

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A review of the files of this Bureau reflects that no investigation is being conducted of any of the other individuals mentioned in the newspaper article referred to above

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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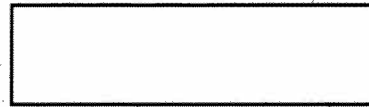
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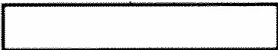
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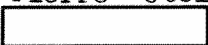
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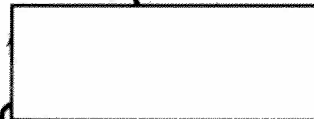


With reference to the conversation which I had with you the other day in Washington, I herewith take pleasure in sending you copy of a letter written by the Counsel acting for Mr. Paul Getty and the Pierre Hotel to the British Embassy for the attention of my friend,  who as I have told you is well acquainted with the case.


I thought it essential to send this to you, as it confirms the various statements which I have made to you and also exonerates me from the malicious allegations made by the Daily News.

I would consider it a great favor if you showed this document to Mr. Maurice Acers as I am very anxious that he should be acquainted with the facts as they come to light.

Yours very truly,



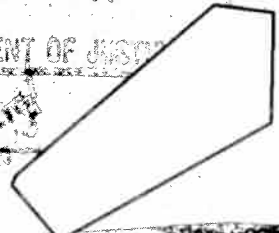
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Dear Sir:

We are addressing you at the request of [redacted] on behalf of Mr. J. Paul Getty and the Hotel Pierre, who are clients of this office, with respect to statements made in an article recently appearing in the New York Daily News.

On behalf of our clients, we confirm that [redacted] has never had any dealings of any kind or character with Mr. J. Paul Getty and has never met Mr. Getty. We also confirm that [redacted] has had no dealings of any character with any company owned or operated by Mr. Getty or with which he is associated, other than the Hotel Pierre, and as to the Hotel Pierre, merely as a [redacted] thereof. [redacted] has had no dealings concerning oil or any other products with Mr. Getty or any of his companies.

We also confirm that neither Mr. Getty nor any company owned or controlled by him has ever dealt with or for the benefit of Germany or any other Axis power, nor have they purchased or sold any Mexican Oil, nor do they contemplate, nor have they ever contemplated doing so.

With respect to the term used in the article "Getty [redacted] [redacted] Axis", Mr. Getty has never had any business, political or other dealings with any of the gentlemen mentioned. He has never met [redacted]. He met [redacted] socially some twenty years ago and has not seen him since that time, except for a casual meeting about a year and a half ago, at which time only greetings were exchanged.

We also confirm that we have been advised by the Federal Bureau of Investigation that there has never been any investigation of Mr. Getty or any



December 30, 1940

[redacted]  
any plot or conspiracy hatched in the Hotel Pierre or elsewhere to deal in oil or with any other purpose involving Mr. Getty and the other persons named in the article, and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has no intention of making such investigation and has no knowledge or information which would permit them to make such investigation.

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We have been advised by [redacted]

[redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, the [redacted] and the [redacted] that [redacted] at no time stated to them or any of them that he was a member of the British Purchasing Commission.

The article is incorrect and untrue in many other respects in so far as it concerns Mr. Getty. For example, it states that Mr. Getty is a friend of Adolph Hitler and had his portrait painted in a tie presented to him by Adolph Hitler. Mr. Getty never met and does not know Hitler, and is not and has never been friendly or sympathetic to him. The tie in which his portrait was painted was purchased at Burberry's, in London. Neither the hotel nor Mr. Getty are pro-Nazi in any sense of the word. Mr. Getty has been a constant contributor to funds and campaigns designed to aid the British in the present war.

Very truly yours,

LEVE, HECHT & HADFIELD.

Los Angeles, California  
December 26, 1940

Special Agent in Charge,  
New Haven, Connecticut.

Re: File No. 65-2170

Dear Sir:

There are attached two copies of the report of Special Agent V. I. PARRY, Los Angeles, dated December 16, 1940, in the above-entitled case requesting investigation at Greenwich, Connecticut. Copies were erroneously indicated for Hartford, Connecticut.

The request for investigation is based on information appearing in the report of Special Agent V. I. PARRY, Los Angeles, dated November 12, 1940, in which report copies were also erroneously designated for Hartford, but were probably sent to your office. In the event you did not receive the report dated November 12, 1940, a copy will be forwarded you if this office is so advised.

Very truly yours,

E. B. HOOD  
Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE <b>JEAN PAUL GETTY, alias J. Paul Getty</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - I</b>	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation fails to disclose any record of Subject Getty at Greenwich, Connecticut.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent V. G. Parry, Los Angeles, 11/12/40.

DETAILS: AT GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT

On 12/9/40, a letter was addressed to Chief Patrick J. Flanagan of the Greenwich, Connecticut Police Department requesting appropriate investigation at that place.

By a letter dated 12/23/40 Chief Flanagan advised that a thorough investigation at Greenwich had failed to disclose any record regarding Subject. He stated that [redacted] at Greenwich had made a check of the records and route books of all carriers and had failed to find any record of Subject; that [redacted] Clerk in the Office of the Registrar of Voters, Town Hall, Greenwich, was interviewed and that she failed to find any record on Subject and that [redacted] of the Greenwich Credit Bureau 34 E. Putnam Avenue, searched his records and advised that he had no record regarding subject.

Chief Flanagan further advised that he had caused all of the large apartment houses in Greenwich to be visited and that the superintendent of each of these had been interviewed, but that none of these had any record or recollection of

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Subject Mr. Flanagan further stated that the large hotels of Greenwich were contacted with negative results and that the local postmaster, who owns numerous converted apartment houses, stated that he had no knowledge of subject.

Chief Flanagan concluded that the name Getty was not listed in the Polk Directory for Greenwich, Connecticut.

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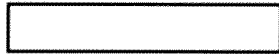
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Dear Sir

Your letter of January 2, 1941, addressed to



of this Bureau, together with its enclosure,  
has been received and duly noted

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
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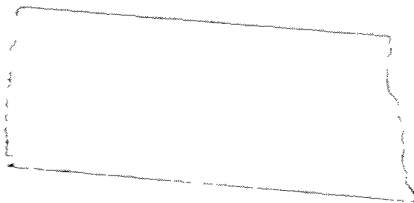


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The [Redacted] woman has returned from Veracruz, and on March 15, 1941, she moved from the Majestic Hotel to an apartment in the [Redacted]

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She seems to be plentifully supplied with money and plays the night life of Mexico City. She has surreptitious meetings with JOHN PAUL GETTY who appears to be an old flame of hers. She has apparently settled down for a long stay in Mexico, and further efforts will be made to keep check on her activities.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Los Angeles, California**

FILE NO **65-853**

REPORT MADE AT <b>New Orleans, Louisiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/3/41</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/3/41</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> <b>PMH</b>
TITLE <b>JEAN PAUL GETTY, alias J. Paul Getty.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - I.</b>	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Records of New Orleans office, as reflected by report of Special Agent [redacted] New Orleans, 3/29/37, New Orleans file 45-118, show FREDERICK LANGE, Captain of Steam Yacht Blue Water, on 2/25/37 assaulted chef of said vessel at Port Ponce, P R, for which offense he was prosecuted in USDC, New Orleans, La, for violation of Section 455, Title 18, USC, that LANGE on arraignment to the indictment entered plea of not guilty, waived jury trial, and USDC, after hearing testimony, rendered verdict of not guilty That person is evidently the same FREDERICH LANGE referred to in instant investigation

*See OSD*  
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REFERENCE

Report of Special Agent V I PARRY, Los Angeles, California, dated 12/18/40

DETAILS

According to the report dated March 29, 1937, submitted by Special Agent [redacted] of the New Orleans Field office, in the case entitled "FREDERICK LANGE, CRIME ON HIGH SEAS", New Orleans file 45-118, the said FREDERICK LANGE, a Captain on the Steam Yacht Blue Water, committed an assault on February 25, 1937, on board the said vessel at Port Ponce, Puerto Rico, upon the chef of the said vessel and that upon proper authorization a complaint was filed before the U S Commissioner at New Orleans,

APPROVED AND FORWARDED *W. B. Fletcher*  
 SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Louisiana, March 24, 1937, charging the said FREDERICK LANGE with violation of Section 455, Title 18, U S Code According to the report of Special Agent TEMPLE dated at New Orleans, Louisiana, April 8, 1937, the said FREDERICK LANGE on arraignment in the U S District Court April 2, 1937, to the indictment against him in that case entered a plea of not guilty, waived jury trial, and the court after hearing testimony rendered a verdict of not guilty

The description of FREDERICK LANGE, as contained in the New Orleans file in the above case referred to, is as follows

NAME	FREDERICK LANGE
RESIDENCE	1152 Broad Ave , Wilmington, Calif
AGE	51 (born 1/30/86, Rodding, Denmark, formerly part of Germany)
HEIGHT	6' 1"
WEIGHT	195
BUILD	Medium
HAIR	Dark brown
EYES	Grey-blue
COMPLEXION	Florid
OCCUPATION	Master mariner
MARITAL STATUS	Married <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></span>
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According to letter dated April 6, 1937, from the Bureau, Bureau file 45-1000, to the New Orleans office, information is furnished that it has not been possible to locate any record in the fingerprint files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D C , relative to the said FREDERICK LANGE, U S Marshal, New Orleans, Louisiana, #103

Evidently the trouble which the said FREDERICH LANGE is reported to have been in at New Orleans with the FBI is the violation of crime on the high seas, referred to above

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February 28, 1941.

MEMORANDUM

PERSONAL AND ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re NAZI ACTIVITIES,  
HILDA KRUGER

Referring to memorandum of February 25, 1941, [redacted] returned to Mexico City on February 27, 1941, and is still domiciled at the [redacted]. She is corresponding with [redacted].

[redacted] It appears that the person with whom she talked over long distance telephone on Feb 17, 1941, was a Dr von GONTARD and not [redacted] as was mentioned in a previous memorandum. She has stated that Dr von GONTARD is [redacted] and that he is either the [redacted] of some large brewery in [redacted]. Her telephone conversation with this man indicates that he intends coming to Mexico very shortly.

*see memo*

[redacted] is also reported to be a [redacted] and to be a lady friend of JOHN PAUL GETTY, who is the alleged owner of the Hotel Pierre in New York City. GETTY has been in Mexico for 2 or 3 months, and he did maintain two apartments, one at the Hotel Ritz, and the other at a fashionable place called "L'ESCARGOT", located at the corner of Calles Central and Ferral. He has now given up his apartment in the Hotel Ritz, but still maintains the one at L'Escargot. GETTY has spent money lavishly since he has been in Mexico and he has stated that he contemplates the building of a large hotel at Acapulco, Mexico. GETTY speaks German fluently, and a great many of his associates since he has been in Mexico have been Germans.

The writer was confidentially informed and has occasion to see a dispatch from the State Department to the American Embassy on February 27, 1941, requesting the Embassy to conduct an investigation relative to the [redacted] woman and stating that she was a [redacted] and a friend of both [redacted] and HITLER.

It is not known what investigative action will be taken by the American Embassy. The [redacted] woman will be kept under observation unless further instructions are received.

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It is requested that information be furnished concerning what is known regarding the [redacted] woman, and also information concerning what is known about JOHN PAUL GETTY.

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Re NAZI ACTIVITIES

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[Redacted] good looking  
Registered at the [Redacted] on  
February 10, 1941, and designated to [Redacted] At  
time she registered she stated that she might be in  
Mexico for one year and got a 50% discount on a 30  
peso a day room She speaks French, English, German,  
Italian, and Spanish She claims to be an American  
citizen She has a most extensive wardrobe of clothes.  
She is visited by persons appearing to be German as  
well as by Mexican Government officials. among the  
latter is [Redacted] of

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[Redacted] She plays the night life of Mexico gen-  
erally accompanied by two young ladies of German type,  
and one other who spends a great deal of time in her  
room On February 21 she went to a money exchange on  
the corner of Bolivar and Madero Streets where she  
changed a large roll of American bills for Mexican  
currency On February 17 at 7 PM she talked over long  
distance for 16 minutes with some person in Palm  
Beach, Florida On Feb 19 at midnight she talked  
for 3 minutes with a [Redacted] at [Redacted]  
On Feb 20 she talked for 17 minutes with a [Redacted]  
[Redacted] at [Redacted]

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On February 21, 1941 she left Mexico City for  
Veracruz accompanied by a German man and the two young  
ladies above mentioned Their trip was, so they stat-  
ed, to participate in the "Fiesta" that was to take  
place in Veracruz from Feb. 21 to the 25th. She  
still retains her room at the [Redacted]

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Further check will be made concerning [Redacted]  
woman

Any information available in the [Redacted] United States  
concerning this woman should be forwarded to the [Redacted]  
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March 27, 1941

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MEMORANDUM

RE: JEAN PAUL GETTY

*S/P work*

Jean Paul Getty, whose address in 1936 was 270 Ocean Front, Santa Monica, California, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, December 15, 1892. He is the son and heir of the late George F. Getty, 647 South Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, California, who left more than \$25,000,000 in his estate. He was the owner of the Getty Oil Company and the Pacific Western Oil Company. Jean Getty acquired a majority of his father's interests in these oil companies and extensive real estate and security holdings.

In the last two years due to domestic difficulties Jean Getty has traveled in the United States and Europe and the actual operation of his business has been left in the hands of his employees who remain in Los Angeles. It is reported that Getty has been married four times, his first wife charging him with immorality in a divorce complaint and naming twenty-six correspondents. He subsequently married a German girl, but after having been married a short time he turned his attention to other women and his wife learned of his conduct and returned to Germany. She did not wish a divorce due to religious scruples and so Getty obtained a divorce in Mexico. His third marriage also culminated in a Mexican divorce. He married a fourth time and in 1936 it was reported that a divorce action was pending at which time his wife was charging him with unfaithful conduct and association with other women.

The morgue file of the Los Angeles Times contains a great many clippings concerning Getty, most of which deal with his marital troubles. One article dated September 23, 1927, showed that he and [redacted] were married on October 2, 1923, at Ventura, California, and separated on February 15, 1927. [redacted] obtained a final divorce decree on September 22, 1927. This article also indicated that in November, 1924, Getty was arrested for a violation of the Wright Act and fined \$100. An article dated December 6, 1917, showed that [redacted] sued Getty for a large amount claiming that he was the father of her child. This suit was later dropped.

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March 27, 1941

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MEMORANDUM

RE: [redacted] alias

[redacted] is reportedly a [redacted] who left Germany a few years ago because of the non-Aryan status of her husband. She was in London, England, at the outbreak of the present war engaged in the [redacted] However, because of hostilities she was obliged to leave England. Thereafter she came to the United States. She resided for several months at the [redacted] checking out on January 25, 1940, proceeding to Beverly Hills, California.

She registered at the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills on February 11, 1940. It is reported that during her stay in California she attempted to convey the impression that she intended going into [redacted] but apparently made no effort to do so. Reporter [redacted] of the "Hollywood heart of [redacted] stated that it is rumored that she has been the sweetheart of [redacted] of Propaganda, and a [redacted] of Adolf Hitler. He further advised that on May 18, 1940, she attended a dance at Ciro's Cafe in Hollywood, California, in the company of [redacted]

On February 5, 1941, [redacted] arrived in St. Louis, Missouri, where she contacted Gert Van Gontard, heir to the Anheuser Busch fortune. Together they left St. Louis, Missouri, going to San Antonio, Texas. Van Gontard from there returned to St. Louis, and [redacted] proceeded to Laredo, Texas, at which point she advised United States Customs officials that she was going to Mexico City in order that she could arrange for a lawful re-entry into the United States so that she might marry Gert Van Gontard. (U)

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- Mr Foxworth
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It is reported that Getty in 1939 negotiated with Soviet Russian buyers in Berlin, Germany, for the sale of one million barrels of California oil to be used in Siberia.

The Getty estate is reported to own the Hotel Pierre, New York City. In this connection it is noted that in 1940 it was learned that [redacted]

[redacted] the defeated candidate for the Presidency of Mexico, stopped at this hotel on several occasions. On August 28, 1940, Raschi requested the management to permit him to smuggle a guest into his room without having the guest register. This guest was later identified as [redacted]

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March 27, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. P. E. FOXWORTH

RE: [redacted] was;  
ESPIONAGE - G.

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Reference is made to the Personal and Confidential memorandum dated February 28, 1941, which was submitted by Special Agent in Charge Gus Jones. He requested that information be furnished him concerning [redacted] and John Paul Getty, who have of late been in Mexico City, in order that he could intelligently endeavor to obtain information concerning them. *(H M)*

Copies of the attached memoranda concerning [redacted] and Jean Paul Getty have been personally delivered to Mr. Gus Jones, who is presently at the Seat of Government for the conference of the Special Agents in Charge. It is believed that the John Paul Getty referred to in reference memorandum is identical with Jean Paul Getty.

Respectfully,

[redacted signature box]

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It is noted that Baron Gert Von Gontard arrived on the SS Olympic from Cherbourg on July 5, 1933. At that time he stated that he was twenty-six years of age, an editor by occupation, and a German citizen born in Berlin, Germany. He was admitted into the United States on quota immigration visa 7089 issued at Berlin, Germany, March 14, 1933. His father is Paul Von Gontard, Baudlerstrasse 41, Berlin, Germany. Gert Von Gontard's final destination was given as St. Louis, Missouri. He stated that he had never been in the United States before and that he was going to his [redacted] of [redacted]. At that time he asserted that he intended to become a United States citizen. (u)

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Paul GOTTY (?) GIBBY - Hotel Pierre, Fifth Avenue, New York

March 24, 1941 - Alleged by the [ ] of the Hotel,

[ ] to have been involved in a 5th Columnist scandal  
in the Hotel. Gotty is probably now in Mexico.

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**DATE 5-7-84**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

~~APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF~~  
~~DATE 5-19-84~~

**AGENCY 1 cc - OSD**  
**REQ. REC'D 5-27-59**  
**REP'T ECW. 6-16-59**  
**BY [Signature]**

GETTY has personal and trustee accounts in the Security First National Bank at Los Angeles with nearly \$1000 in each account. Distinction between accounts is unknown. Current checks are signed by employees rather than GETTY. Checks paid during March 1941 are mostly for alimony to former wives. A letter of credit for \$10,000 was forwarded January 28, 1941 to GETTY in Mexico City. Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York City made credit inquiry regarding GETTY on February 6, 1941.

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**REFERENCES**

Reports of Special Agent V I [Redacted], Los Angeles, dated November 12-1940 and December 18-1940.

**DETAILS.**

It was ascertained from Confidential Informant [Redacted] that JEAN PAUL GETTY maintains two accounts with the security office of the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles, California. Informant advised that one account is a personal account which has an average balance of approximately \$80,000 and the other is a trustee

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account which has an average balance of approximately \$95,000. He advised that he had been unable to ascertain the distinction between the two accounts. Informant advised that he had examined the cancelled checks paid against these accounts during the month of March 1941 and had noted that while JEAN PAUL GETTY is authorized to sign the checks, none of them had been signed by them but had been signed by persons believed to be office employees. He further advised that he had been unable to find that any of the disbursements from these two accounts were of interest, they being mostly alimony payments to his various ex-wives.

Informant advised that he had ascertained from the records of the bank that on January 28, 1941, an American Express Company letter of credit #93735 in the amount of \$10,000 had been forwarded to GETTY through the Banco Nacional de Mexico at Mexico City. He also advised that the credit files of the bank disclosed that on February 6, 1941, inquiry was made by [redacted] [redacted] Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York [redacted] regarding GETTY indicating that the bank had a customer who was contemplating business dealings with GETTY.

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Informant advised that he had been unable to determine from the cancelled checks on file or from any other source where GETTY is presently making his residence.

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

~~JAN 17 1950~~  
\*At New York City, as requested by the Bureau, will conduct investigation concerning the purchase of the Hotel Pierre, Fifth Avenue and 61 Street, New York City, and endeavor to determine whether the allegations that the employees and those who frequent the hotel have some Italian Consular connections.

\*Will endeavor to locate the address of GETTY in New York City and conduct the investigation requested by the Bureau as set out in reference report 11-12-40.

Will interview [redacted] [redacted] Chemical Bank and Trust Company for the purpose of securing information regarding the present activities of GETTY.

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THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION

\*At New Orleans, is requested to advise whether that office has any record of FREDERICH LANGE

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

\*At Los Angeles, will check the arrest record of GETTY at the Police Department and Sheriff's Office and continue efforts to locate his residence at the present time in order that the investigation requested by the Bureau may be completed.

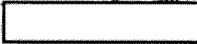
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# Hotel Pierre

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FROM



FIFTH AVENUE AT 61ST STREET

TELEPHONE REGENT 4 5900

NEW YORK CITY

Monday, July, 21, 1941

FOR RELEASE

To Hoover



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That P M story about Paul Getty was a rewrite of the News story about the Pierre of some months past.

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Paul was educated in California and at Oxford, not in Germany.

Doesn't hold any German patents through holding corporations, doesn't control Tidewater, doesn't ship oil to Germany, Spain,

Russia and Japan He never was given a tie by Hitler, never announced the sale of a million barrels of oil to Russia, ( he

said he was thinking of it,) never was involved in the Mexican presidential election. Paul never knew [redacted] and Lang,

the efficiency expert, never was in a submarine in his life. There are a lot of other things about the story which were wrong,

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but the above shows how inaccurate it was

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What Paul Getty can't do, though, is sue a newspaper, since he is a wealthy man and wouldn't have a chance to collect damages.

The trouble with him is that he doesn't realize stories like this hurt his business, and I have been trying to impress him with that

fact.

Thanks for everything



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August 13, 1941

Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

RE: JEAN PAUL GETTY;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - I.

Dear Sir:

For your guidance and assistance in the investigation, I wish to advise that information has been received from an outside, highly confidential source concerning the above captioned individual. This information apparently originates from a source close to the subject. According to the data received, Getty was educated in California and at Oxford, and does not, reportedly, hold any German patents through holding corporations. It was also denied that he controls "Tidewater" which may possibly refer to the Tidewater Oil Company. It has also been denied that Getty ships oil to Germany, Spain, Russia and Japan. It has been further denied that he was given a tie by Hitler and that he announced the sale of a million barrels of oil to Russia. According to the data received, Getty allegedly said that he had been "thinking" of this deal. It was also denied that he was ever involved in the Mexican presidential election. Getty reportedly has never been acquainted with [redacted] and Lang, who is described as an efficiency expert. It is also stated that Getty was never in a submarine in his life.

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The denials above have apparently resulted from a story appearing in the newspaper "PM" concerning Getty. It is stated that the "PM" article was a rewrite of a story which appeared in a publication identified as merely "The News" concerning the Hotel Pierre.

According to the information received by the above mentioned source, Getty is not in a position to sue a newspaper inas-

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